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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT: AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND,
PACIFIC ISLANDS

1. ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING. BOTH THE AUSTRALIANS AND NEW
ZEALANDERS HAVE EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION ABOUT
THE ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING. THEY WERE PARTICULARLY
IMPRESSED BY THE DEGREE OF INTEREST IN ANZUS THAT WAS
SHOWN BY THE SECRETARY AND OTHER SEVENTH FLOOR PRINCIPALS.
SURPRISINGLY, BRIAN TALBOYS DID NOT BRING UP THE SUBJECT
OF ANZUS OFFICIALS MEETINGS. WE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY THE
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NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY THAT HE WOULD DO SO. ANOTHER TOPIC
LEFT HANGING WAS THE AUSTRALIAN DESIRE TO DISCUSS
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, AND SUPPLY AND SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS.
(ANDREW PEACOCK ALLUDED TO THIS AT THE END OF THE SECOND
SESSION BUT DID NOT RETURN TO IT AT THE FINAL MEETING.)
THE AUSTRALIANS BROUGHT THE ISSUE UP IN THE COMMUNIQUE
AND PROPOSED LANGUAGE THAT WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN A

DEFENSE OFFICIALS STUDY OF THE MATTER. WE NOW EXPECT THEM TO PURSUE THEIR INTEREST THROUGH REGULAR CHANNELS AND TO MAKE THE ISSUE AN AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT YEAR'S MEETING. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. NYE-NOSENZO VISIT TO AUSTRALIA. JOE NYE AND LOU NOSENZO LEAVE ON JUNE 19 FOR CANBERRA WHERE THEY WILL CONSULT WITH THE AUSTRALIANS ON A VARIETY OF NUCLEAR ISSUES INCLUDING URANIUM SUPPLY, ENRICHMENT, SPENT FUEL STORAGE, INFCE AND BILATERAL COOPERATION. THE TALKS FOLLOW SEVERAL VISITS TO WASHINGTON BY AUSTRALIAN URANIUM OFFICIALS. THE NYE-NOSENZO MISSION HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF AUSTRALIA IN GLOBAL NUCLEAR ISSUES AS WELL AS THE INCREASING ATTENTION THAT WILL HAVE TO BE PAID TO THIS ASPECT OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. FYI. A WASHINGTON POST STORY LAST WEEK REPORTED THAT NYE WOULD RETURN TO HARVARD IN SEPTEMBER AND THAT NOSENZO WOULD ABSORB HIS RESPONSIBILITIES. (SECRET)

3. TALBOYS LUNCHEES WITH SFRC. ON FRIDAY, JUNE 9, NEW ZEALAND FOREIGN MINISTER BRIAN TALBOYS WAS THE GUEST OF HONOR AT A SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE LUNCHEON, HOSTED BY THE CHAIRMAN, JOHN SPARKMAN. OTHER SENATORS PRESENT INCLUDED JOHN GLENN, FRANK CHURCH, JACOB JAVITS AND DENNIS DECONCINI. TALBOYS ADROITLY USED THE RELAXED LUNCHEON ENVIRONMENT TO GENTLY IMPRESS UPON THE
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SENATORS NEW ZEALAND'S NEED TO EXPORT,ITS STRATEGIC DEPENDENCE ON THE US, AND ITS VIEW OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, FRANK CORNER AND AMBASSADOR NORRISH. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. CALL BY CONTINENTAL AIRLINE OFFICIAL. HARVEY WEXLER, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS VICE PRESIDENT OF CONTINENTAL CALLED AT ANP ON JUNE 13 TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN OVER THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE JULY ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA WILL NOT RESULT IN CONTINENTAL'S ACCESS TO THE AUSTRALIAN ROUTE. WEXLER ASKED WHAT "POLITICAL LEVERAGE" WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO EXERT TO BRING CANBERRA AROUND. WE NOTED THAT WE WERE NOT IN THE HABIT OF EMPLOYING "LINKAGE" WITH THE AUSTRALIANS BUT IT WAS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT IF THE JULY NEGOTIATIONS FAIL THE ISSUE WOULD BE RAISED ON THE POLITICAL LEVEL WITH AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) CHRISTOPHER

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